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Claim CIA responsible for My Lai massacre

OKLAHOMA CITY — The My Lai massacre was planned and coordinated by the CIA, the Sunday Oklahoman claimed Sunday, saying that the massacre was an attempt to wipe out the civilian population of a village as a "lesson" to the liberation forces. The paper's information came from five Army officers who were involved in the My Lai massacre and who had access to secret documents.

Reporter Jack Taylor quoted one source who said the massacre of 450 civilians was the second planned attack on the village. The source was said to have been involved in planning the massacre.

Taylor's sources also said that the Army selected a general with a CIA background to handle the investigation, to avoid implicating the CIA. He reported that Lt. Gen. William R. Peers, who headed the official investigation, taught military intelligence at the Army's Command and General Staff College and was at one time responsible for all CIA training.

One source was quoted as saying he had reason to believe that the entire chain of command, including former Army Chief of Staff Gen. William C. Westmoreland, knew about the My Lai massacre because it was "one small aspect of broader policy."